

THE IRON HAND OF LAW.

IT FALLS ON TWO ROYALIST EDITORS.

Sheldon of the "Holomua" and Bush of "Ka Leo" Arrested for Criminal Libel Today.

John E. Bush, editor of the *Ka Leo o ka Lahui*, and George Carson Kenyon, of the *Hawaii Holomua*, were arrested at twelve o'clock today, on a warrant for criminal libel in the first degree.

The complaint was sworn out by Attorney-General William O. Smith, and the warrant therefor issued almost immediately.

Captain Harry Juen took charge of Kenyon, whom he found plausibly playing the Kreutzer Sonata on one of the pianos in Soper's Music store. Kenyon was immediately taken across the street to the police station and after being searched was put into cell No. 7. The only thing found on his person besides some small change was a clasp knife, but the police thought it best to keep that for fear of a suicidal attempt on the part of the imprisoned libelist. Soon after Kenyon's arrival Bush put in an appearance escorted by the vigilant Schlemmer who had found him in Seventh Day Adventist adoration at his house on Punchbowl street. Bush was accompanied by his henchman Nawahi and Attorney J. L. Kaloupek. He was placed *à la carte* with Deputy Brown and after telephoning considerably brought two bondsmen to the front. They were J. Akahooni, a native out of Kalihi, and one Elias K. Wright, a half-white dentist, who qualified in the sum of \$500, the necessary amount. In the meantime poor (Friday) Kenyon was "thinking mother, dear, of thee" in the cool environs of cell No. 7. But royalist friends of the unfortunate had flocked about the doors of the station house at the news of the arrest of their friends, and soon they had hustled out John F. Bowler, a contractor, and H. E. McIntyre, a retired grocer of the city, who put their hancocks down for \$500, and Kenyon walked abroad, as Micawher would say, "a free man."

He lingered around the portals of the prison for awhile and nervously remarked, "Well, this is the anniversary of my landing in this country. I d-d-d-didn't know I would get to such an i-i-important personage in so short a time." Prosecutor Wilder eyed him somewhat contemptuously, and, no doubt, thought before long that he would become a much more important personage, perhaps, than he even dreamed now. As for Bush, he had disappeared again to his Saturday Sunday devotions at his home. He said nothing much when he was arrested except that he thought it somewhat hard that the government couldn't have some consideration for his religion and waited until Monday or even to-morrow. All the usual amount of royalist loungers, especially the gang that act as the uninvited supports to the columns in front of Cecil B. Brown's office, were on hand at the station. Kalohele Wilson dashed up and grasped Kenyon's moist palm in a hearty, sympathetic grasp. Contractor Ned Thomas was also around with hearty proffers of friendship. Testa Norrie, and others, were also there, but under the advice of Peterson and Creighton, attorneys for Kenyon, the excitement cooled down and the crowd of royalists melted away. Kenyon "a conquering hero" going arm in arm with Norrie to the *Holomua* office and the remainder to the booze in cheap in the near neighborhood. The offense for which Kenyon is arrested is under the Libel Act of the session laws of 1884 as follows:

"Sec. 7. Whoever is guilty of the offense of making or publishing a libel in the first degree shall be punished by imprisonment at hard labor not more than one year, or by fine not exceeding \$1000."

The warrant reads, "for printing the following article, entitled 'The Howl in Hawaii'."

THE LIBELOUS ARTICLE.
Minister Stevens had gone beyond his authority in hoisting the flag of the United States over Hawaii. He had attempted to steal the island and overthrow recognized government authority to which he was accredited as minister. His was the act of a robber chief. A few bold characters upon their own motion, through the assistance of United States marines and under the threatening guns of the warship Boston, deposed the Queen and set up a Provisional Government. For the protection of the Provisional Government, and to give sanctity and prominence to the steal, Minister Stevens lent the authority of the United States, under the national emblem known to all nations.

President Harrison, in reply to Minister Stevens' official notification of his action in the revolutionary movement, rebuked the minister and disavowed his authority of impairing the "sovereignty of the Hawaiian government by substituting the flag and power of the United States."

Mr. Blount, as Commissioner from the United States, in pulling down the flag at Hawaii, has only carried into effect the disavowal and implied order of President Harrison. Under their own flag and government the people of Hawaii are no longer prisoners, but free to act with our accredited agents in the matter of annexation or establishment of protectorate.

There was no other line of action left open to President Cleveland than that he has chosen. Every movement surrounding the late Provisional Government, proclaimed theft and infamy. Speculators, free-booters and filibusters must not steal the good name and flag of the United States under which to advance personal ends and unholy schemes. If Hawaii decides on closer relations with the United States, or if it be to the advantage of our government, that annexation should be had, let negotiations be conducted fairly, and without restraint, and with the autonomy of the weaker power fully recognized. That policy which is for the best interests of all will prevail, and whether annexation, protectorate, or former condition remain, all will be for the honor, glory and advancement of the United States.

The warrant goes on to state that the intention of the above article (printed May 12th) is to injure the fame, reputation and good name of John L.

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Estate E. Holt \$42,112
A. F. Judd \$21,195
C. P. Luaka \$17,090
W. L. Wilcox \$17,090

Gold has reached a premium of three per cent. on the streets of Honolulu. In talking over the matter with local bankers, Bishop & Co. said: "We are paying one per cent., and charging two per cent. to regular customers, although we sell none at all to outsiders. We expect, however, to receive \$70,000 in gold shipments by the next Australia. Our importations of the yellow metal amount to \$1,000,000 a year."

Claus Spreckels & Co., through Mr. Spaulding, said that while gold brought three per cent. on the thoroughfares, they were selling none of it to others than their regular patrons, and were charging them two per cent., with one per cent. on foreign exchange. The Government pays silver and demands gold, but has never provided for obtaining gold abroad. Silver is only a legal tender up to \$10. Gold costs three per cent. to import. The Hongkong quotation on \$20 U. S. gold pieces is now \$30.14.

"Why is gold so scarce here?" was asked.
"Well the merchants have to pay all their bills abroad in U. S. gold coin and the Chinese and Japanese send all they can get hold of to their own countries."

"What is the remedy?"
"That lies with the Government, which can arrange to bring the metal in."

"Has the gold stringency in the United States any effect upon the local scarcity?"
"None as yet."